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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

TO CINCPAC HONOLULU H IMMEDIATE

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MMOLE WWT FJ UR

SUBJ: PORT CALL OF SOVIET SHIP

REF: A. CINCPACFLT 121734Z MAR 76

B. CINCPAC 162247Z MAR 76.

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1. REFTELS BOTH RECEIVED MORNING MARCH 18 LOCAL.

2. BASHIKIRIYA ARRIVED SUVA NOON LOCAL FRIDAY MAR 12.

EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOF MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS RECIVED

REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE ON " WEDNESDAY LAST " ASSUMED TO BE

MAR 10. HOME AFFAIR DID NOT RPT NOT INFORM ROYAL FIJI

MILITARY FORCES; RFMF AND MAY NOT RPT NOTH HAVE BEEN AWARE

SHIP NAVAL MANNED. IN ANY CASE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS COMMANDER

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FMF UNHAPPY HIS OFFICE NOT INFORMED. SHIP ANCHORED OUT UNTIL

DOCK SPACE CLEAR LATE AFTERNOON MAR 13, THEN TRANSFERED
TO PIER. REMAINED IN SUVA UNTIL 1700 HRS LOCAL MAR 15.
NO PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY EMBASSY NOR HAVE ANY APPEARED IN
LOCAL PRESS. DATA REQUESTED (D REF A NOT RPT NOT
BELIEVED AVAILABLE. SHIP NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC. UNIFORMED
CREW MUCH INEVIDENCE SUNDAY AND MONDAY ON SUVA STREETS AND
PARKS.

3. GOFHOMEAFF AIRS APPARENTLY FOUND PORT VISIT REQUEST ACCEPTABLE
AND HAD NO RPT NO REASON FOR REFUSING PERMISSION. EMBASSY NOT
IN POSITION DEVELOP FURTHER DETAILS.

4. SOVIET WHALE OIL TANKER SIBRINEFTRPT SIBIRANEFTA APPEARED
UNANNOUNCED SUVA SAME DATE, CLAIMING ENGINE PROBLEMS.
SHIP WAS AT PORT OVER WEEKEND. EMBASSY
NOT AWARE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO VISITS.
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